

SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FACT SHEET

Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services

This fact sheet contains information about the impact of alcohol and other drug use in the Town of Weymouth. Admission data were reported to the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) Substance Abuse Management Information System in FY 2002.

Residents of the Town of Weymouth

Characteristics of Admissions

In FY 2002, there were 124,539 admissions to licensed substance abuse treatment services in all of Massachusetts; 0.6% (806) of these admissions reside in the Town of Weymouth. 5.7% (46) of admissions from the Town of Weymouth were under 17 years of age. **Please note that these statistics represent only admissions, and can represent a figure larger than the actual number of individuals.** In FY 2002, admissions to all residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment services from the Town of Weymouth reported the following characteristics:

- 64.5% (520) were male and 35.5% (286) were female.
- 59.3% (478) were between the ages of 21-39.
- 94.7% (763) were white non-Latino, 1.7% (14) were black non-Latino, 2.1% (17) were Latino, and 1.5% (12) were other racial categories.
- 63.9% (515) were never married, 15.6% (126) were married, and 20.5% (165) reported not to be married now.
- 25.8% (208) had less than high school education, 49.3% (397) completed high school, and 24.9% (201) had more than high school education.
- 32.4% (261) were employed.
- 8.2% (66) were homeless.
- 31.1% (251) had prior mental health treatment.

Primary Substance of Use

At admission clients identify a “primary drug” of use which is the substance currently causing them the most problems. Table 1 compares the proportional distribution of primary drugs in Massachusetts with that for the Town of Weymouth.

Table 1					
Primary Drug by District and State FY 2002					
	Alcohol	Heroin	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack
Town	52%	29%	4%	5%	2%
State	45%	37%	6%	4%	3%

Substances Used in Past Year

Upon entering treatment, each client is asked to report ALL substances used in the past year (12 months) prior to admission. Admissions frequently report using more than one substance within the year. The use of more than one psychoactive substance, such as alcohol and marijuana, is referred to as ‘polydrug’ or ‘polysubstance’ use.

Table 2 shows ALL substances which clients reported using in the year prior to admission, as well as the prevalence of injection drug users (IDU's), individuals who use a needle to ingest cocaine, crack, heroin or another drug to get high.

Table 2 Number of admissions Reporting Substance Used: FY 1995 – FY 2002							
Town of Weymouth							
	Total	Alcohol	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack	Heroin	IDU
FY '95	570	498	133	124	56	123	96
FY '96	451	373	114	111	51	114	98
FY '97	560	482	179	141	61	134	89
FY '98	703	595	201	157	64	191	142
FY '99	693	566	205	172	68	215	167
FY '00	736	555	218	176	94	233	183
FY '01	836	607	213	185	79	270	198
FY '02	806	597	205	209	86	277	205

Heroin and Injection Drug Use

Figure 1 below shows the proportional increases in all admissions in the Town of Weymouth and the proportional increase in admissions reporting heroin and injection drug use, a factor driving increases in HIV.

